

Fire Brigade Should Organize For Efficiency

The pump house fire a couple of weeks ago showed that we need a fire brigade that has had a little training; that we need an organization such as we had before the war, which met once in a while, had a pep up talk, suggested certain equipment the fire boys should have, presenting the ideas to the town council and the council would do as requested. Now we have nothing like that. We suppose the war killed it.

The fire brigade then was a real volunteer organization, headed by the indefatigable Lou Michaelson (Glen). It functioned for years. In fact it was going before the big fire in the early '30s. The constitution of the organization was shown W.M. Several days after the fire the secretary received a letter from Compensation Board in Edmonton stating they had heard that several firemen had been hurt during the fire, if this was so the board would see they got compensation. Happily no one was injured during the fire.

The old fire brigade held a dance every Easter Monday, and from three dance a nice profit was made and through the years a nice bank account was built up. When the war started and since then the dance for money was handed over to the Red Cross.

Once a year the organization threw a well known, fine banquet, where always well attended and in the business session that followed everything pertaining to fire and fire protection was thoroughly gone into, and always there was a good pep talk delivered. These banquets were such nice affairs it made one feel that it is an honor to belong to the brigade. Following the business meeting the evening was spent in social entertainment.

The last banquet was held some seven or more years ago. A lot of the young boys of the town had been invited to wait on the tables in the banquet they were to be given a good feed and a good time. They boys were proud of the honor to serve tea and supper and came decked out in the Sunday best and did their work well. Besides the mountain of grub the brigade had bought were about a dozen hams. When it came time to serve the boys there was a shortage of grub and about half of the hams were missing. Somebody had stolen the stuff to the chagrin of the boys and the brigade officers. In fact there was not enough grub to properly feed the boys.

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OBITUARY

RICHARD GOTTSCH

A resident at Eventide Home for the past eighteen years Richard Gottsch, 76, died early last Thursday morning. He was born at Kiel, Germany and some 40 years ago came to Alberta where he started farming. On day while at work a steer gored out one of Mr. Gottsch's eyes. The other eye became infected from the accident and shortly after he became totally blind. He came to Gleichen from Okotoks. The funeral took place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Major A. P. Parkinson of the Salvation Army officiating after which interment was made in Eventide cemetery.

WILLIAM DEURY SMITH

After an illness of some months William D. Smith died in a Calgary hospital last Friday, at the age of 51 years.

Mr. Smith was well known in the district having farmed here for many years and for several years past had worked with the Western Irrigation Company. He is survived by his widow.

The funeral took place Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock and interment was made in Queen's Park cemetery.

The pallbearers were all old friends from the district, J. S. McMullen, H. G. Garry, N. L. Latta, H. Cunningham, R. Sharp and H. Robinson.

He died at an old time high, while domestic consumption of dairy products, in terms of milk equivalent is also greater than ever before. While this is being done on, all major export commitments have been filled.

and the boys were filled up. This was the last banquet the brigade held. We need an organization like that now and there is no reason why we cannot have one. Everyone in town should be taught how to handle the new chemical engine and not have a flaccid like we had recently. Come along fellows, call a meeting and lead the way. Easter Monday is not far away and as an opening event the organization could start it off with a dance.

Two Trustees To Be Elected Next Monday

Last Monday was nomination day for town councillors and trustees.

For councillors G. T. Jones' name took his second term of office and a new comer to the council is M. Murray. Mr. Murray was for many years secretary treasurer of the town from which position he retired some years ago. He will take the seat vacated by S. K. Hunter.

There are in the running for two seats on the school board, namely: Elmer Bolinger, G. M. Ferguson and N. A. Biddle. The voting for trustees will take place next Monday. The retiring trustees are P. N. Warner and Wm. Ferguson.

The first dance put on by the Gleichen high school boys and girls last Friday evening proved to be a great success. There was a large crowd in attendance. All the former airforce boys, who were former students at Gleichen high school and are now taking up various courses in Calgary, came down to attend the dance.

Among them were Tom James, D. Farquharson, J. Bouche, D. and J. Reid, E. Evans and his friend G. Erickson of Gull Lake, Sask.

TO TURN THE TIDE

Dance, radio and movie thrills, orchestra leaders, football and basketball scores, run across difficult parents and teachers, impossible young or brothers and sisters, the dullness of home—these are what the average teen-ager thinks about all day. What we think about all day is our philosophy of life.

Boiled down, this teen-age philosophy is to have fun in life. They like the dirt and danger of the world, and the only thing they see to fight for is freedom from parents, teachers, preachers and other "old-fashioned" restraints.

In "old-fashioned" days this would have been called the philosophy of a "lost generation" and a "holocaust slide to hell." It is still all of that. But today it is also the philosophy of a "lost democracy" for there are militant anti-democratic forces on the prowl for personal or party power. All they have to do to get control of today's youngsters and tomorrow's world is to keep kids' minds on sex, sport and trivialities; continue to divide them from their parents and responsibilities; promise all the liberties they want.

Today, however, there is also another gang of youngsters in the field. They still think of dates but of what they can give to a girl friend, or boy friend not what they can get. They still think of movies but of pictures that show our homes and country as they can be—clean, strong, united. They still want fun but must be able to see on your way, not the kind that sends you. They still go for sport but go out for the game and not the box.

They still think home can be dull but if it is they see what they can do to liven it up. They get all the family having the fun as they pull together for a goal much bigger than it ever could be if all were thinking for themselves. They still like to be different, sisters and brothers, teachers and preachers can be difficult but knowing that they can change them if they start by being less difficult themselves.

Their philosophy is that "We want a different world and, if the only way to get it is for us to be different, first, we're going to be different starting now." This gang may well change the moral climate of the world especially if you go out to help them. But it's a matter for infection, not correction. We can turn the tide of thinking and give more than a lead to the young men, but only if we find and follow new direction in our own lives.

Together Canada—Press Service.

Thirty Rinks Entered in The Local Bonspiel

Gleichen's annual bonspiel got away to an early start Monday morning with thirty rinks entered. Rinks from all the surrounding towns are entered and keen competition is displayed in all the games played. The ice has been in excellent condition owing to the cold weather. It is expected it will be near the end of the week before the final game is played.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS OF THE TOWN AND DISTRICT

Mrs. J. McArthur is suffering from a broken arm as a fall.

Sgt. E. Woods, wife and children are spending a few days in town visiting relatives.

Stan Haskeyne is expected home from overseas sometime this week.

The many friends of Mrs. R. Cunningham will be pleased to learn that she is making good progress from her recent operation.

Oliver Gilbert returned home from overseas last week where he has been with the Canadian army for several years.

Four rinks of lady curlers from Strathmore visited Gleichen one day last week and played the local ladies. The girls won two games and Gleichen four.

The Gleichen branch of the Canadian Legion held their annual get-together and smoker last Saturday evening. Among old members who now live in other parts were "Scotty" Givens of Black Diamond and Joe, Rigles of Calgary.

Jack Webb who formerly operated the U.G.G. elevator here but now an inspector with the company and living in Calgary brought down a rink former Gleichen men for the local bonspiel. The members of his rink are: Suter, E. Woods and Howard Rigles.

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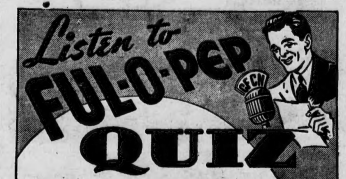
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The thrill of landing a big fish is becoming almost a daily experience in the life of thousands of American farm boys. Already over 7,000 farm fish ponds have been established and the idea seems to be spreading rapidly throughout the southern and central states. At first, farm farmers introduced only 50 to 200 pounds of fish per acre. Then two Alabama scientists began studying the effects of applying chemical fertilizers. The results were startling. Instead of 50 to 200 pounds, the yield jumped to 500 to 600 pounds per acre. Now another farm fish expert has gone a step further and introduced a salt water fish, the common striped mullet. This fish appears to have landed in the ocean by mistake, for in fresh water it grows fat and mussy and gives the farm boys a real battle when they get it on the end of a line. Instead of 60 pounds per acre



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The fish pond experts are talking of 5,000 to 6,000 pounds per acre.

To date in Canada the farm fish pond idea has not attracted much attention, but a great deal of interest is being displayed in the fertilizing of lakes and streams. Preliminary experimental work in several provinces has given very encouraging results. Most of the lake owners who tried fertilizing their lakes last year report a marked improvement in the abundance of fish, and some claim that the fish were gamier as well as plumper.

To meet the requests for up-to-date information on this new and growing practice, a booklet entitled "Fertilizing Fishing Waters" is in course of preparation. Included with recommendations for estimating the fertilizer needs of a backwater, there will be short summaries of reports published by leading piscatorial investigators in Canada, the United States and Scotland.

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(BY R. J. DRACHMAN.)

Some time ago I wrote a story in which I tried to point out that the proper goal of economic effort is a higher national income—not full employment. I meant by this we must keep our eyes on the target. Without a high national income we can never be satisfied. We might, however, have full employment with the lowest national income in the world. China is a good example, so also is India. Everybody is working, scratching to get a living all are desperately poor. Let us be very careful lest in our effort to get what is called "full employment" we get poverty rather than riches.

Then a few days ago I ran across an article in the New York Times written by Henry Hazlitt a brilliant financial writer, in which appeared these words:

"It is far better, if that were the case—which it isn't—to have maximum production with part of the population supported in idleness by undigested relief than to provide 'full employment' by so many forms of disguised make-work that production is disorganized."

Mr. Hazlitt is quite right, nothing could be more demoralizing than the provision of employment on work which is wholly uneconomic.

The task before us is quite clear. Employment of a creative kind consists in the production of commodities which have a use-value, supply a social need, and can be sold on the market; or the provision of services which have a similar value. When we go beyond that there are certain forms of effort which have a value over the long period of the years but not an immediate use-value. Does any body doubt that as a thorough study of our forest problem would reveal the fact that we are using up our timber supplies rather rapidly while we have millions of acres of land, some of it now classed as agricultural, with no net productive value as farm land but which could be used for the growing new forests.

The House of Commons has been discussing recently certain programs of water conservation. They should have been studied and provided years ago. A start has been made with the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act. It has been a success. With relatively small expenditure marked progress has been made but we have not yet grasped these problems as a whole and faced them on broad lines as part of our national effort as a long time approach to the problem of an increased national income. We are content on talks of increased social services but we fail to realize that expenditures on social services are hopeless unless we are prepared to deal with the larger problem of a higher income out of which these obligations are to be met. Otherwise

our social services are likely to intensify the problem they are supposed to remedy.

A higher national income should be put at the front of our program instead of in the background, as it is under present circumstances, while competent men who ought to know better are trying to support the contention that a redistribution of the national income should be the leading item in our economic program.

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During the Ful-O-Pop Farm Show, a half hour Quiz program, is recorded and re-broadcast over station CFCN Calgary the following Wednesday night at 9:30 p.m. This new Quiz offers prizes to both the listening audience as well as the contestants selected from the Farm Show audience. The air audience can enter the contest by simply sending a letter containing their names and addresses to the Ful-O-Pop Quiz Station CFCN, Calgary.

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With the arrival of table potatoes at several points in Alberta from the United States officials of the Alberta department of agriculture are warning potato growers that the use of these potatoes for seed would be an extremely dangerous practice. Some shipments which have been inspected have been found to contain late blight and other diseases which we cannot afford to introduce here. Even in cases where these potatoes are bought only for table use, the peelings and refuse should not be left around in the spring since late blight spores from this refuse may readily contaminate the next crop. It is known that the States from which these potatoes are coming are having considerable difficulty in keeping bacterial ringrot under control and unfortunately it is fully expected that ringrot may be one of the



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The tall leafy plants with many small white flowers in flat-topped clusters and growing in wet places, familiar to all observant Westerners, are almost sure to be either Water Henlock (very poisonous) or Water Parsnip (harmless). Everyone should be able to tell the difference and the best way is to pull the plants and examine the roots. Water Henlock has several thick fleshy roots, just underground, about the size and shape of a man's little finger. Don't bite into them because death may be quick and painful. Water Parsnip has numerous fibrous roots, but no thick ones.

The two species may also be distinguished by means of leaf characters. Photographs of entire plants, of leaves, and of roots have been reproduced on a printed leaflet. Copies may be obtained, free of charge, from Line Elevator grain buyers. Country school teachers could be well advised to avail themselves of this opportunity.

Water Henlock in pastures should be pulled and burned, especially if feed is running a little short and stock generally hungry.

diseases carried by these imports. Good safe seed potatoes are scarce. Those who have no reason to believe that their own potatoes are diseased would be well advised to select the best of them for planting this year. Where disease is suspected in the potatoes grown at home, careful enquiries should be made before buying new seed.

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